

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

In September due to the UBCM Conference, Council meeting frequency is reduced to one meeting for the month. The Council meeting was on September 9th, below are some highlights:

- ⇒ Council adopted Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 870, 2024 to add “unassisted seniors housing” as a permitted use in the P1 (Park and Public Use) Zone, enabling the development of a 29-unit senior residential complex at 710 Elm Street
- ⇒ Council endorsed the recommendations of the Street Safety Working Group asking for community feedback on the proposed speed zone changes before considering implementation. Proposed changes are outlined below in this newsletter
- ⇒ Council approved The Ashcroft HUB’s request to close Evans Road on September 15th from 9:00 am—1:00 pm for the Annual Terry Fox Run
- ⇒ Council approved the South Cariboo Elizabeth Fry’s request for free use of the Community Hall on October 17th for the “Get Your Ducks in a Row, Advance Care Planning Fair”

Village of Ashcroft

Mayor and Council:

Mayor:

Barbara Roden

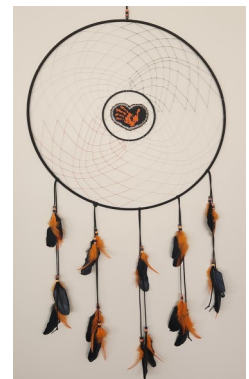
Councillors:

Jonah Anstett

Jessica Clement

Nadine Davenport

Doreen Lambert



HONOURING TRUTH and RECONCILIATION DAY

On this National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, Mayor and Council stand with our community in honoring the survivors, families, and communities affected by residential schools. We are committed to listening, learning, and working together towards healing and meaningful reconciliation with Indigenous peoples. Today, and every day, we acknowledge the truths of our shared history and the importance of building a more just and inclusive future.

We are reminded of this commitment by the Dream Catcher that hangs in Council Chambers of which an identical one was gifted by the Village to the Ashcroft Indian Band last year.

Proposed Speed Zone Changes – We Need Your Feedback!

The Village Council, in collaboration with the Street Safety Working Group (WG), is considering several proposed speed zone changes aimed at improving road safety for all users, including pedestrians, cyclists, and drivers. Before making any final decisions, we are inviting community feedback to ensure that the proposed changes reflect the needs and concerns of our residents.

What Are the Proposed Changes?

- **Tingley St. and Mesa Vista Drive:** Increasing the speed limit in the 30 km/h zone to 50 km/h.
- **Elm St.:** Extending the 30 km/h zone from Pool Park to Desert Hills, where it will transition to 10 km/h.
- **Government St.:** Extending the 30 km/h zone from Pool Park to the 3-way stop for consistency.
- **Government St. and Hollis St.:** Posting 30/50 km/h signs, with a 50 km/h limit for vehicles and 30 km/h for commercial/transport trucks.

Why Are These Changes Being Considered? The WG has conducted a thorough review of current speed zones, pedestrian safety, and traffic flow. Mesa Vista Drive, for example, is a 30 km/h zone near the park but many requests have been received to increase the zone; concerns include the lack of sidewalks and increased pedestrian traffic, particularly in the evenings. There are also concerns about the proximity of certain roads to parks, where children frequently play. These changes aim to balance the needs of vehicle traffic with the safety of pedestrians and cyclists.

How Can You Get Involved? We encourage all residents to provide feedback by completing a short questionnaire which can be accessed on the village website or a copy may be picked up at the village office. Your input will help shape the final decisions regarding these proposed changes.

What’s Next? Council will review all feedback received before making any final decisions. Your voice matters—be sure to share your thoughts and help us enhance road safety in our community! Thank you for your participation!

To access the questionnaire, please visit the Village website or contact our office directly.



Working Groups

The new Working Groups (WG's) established as per the 2024-2026 Strategic Plan have begun meeting and working toward implementation of goals. This term the WG's are responsible for several projects under a broader umbrella which are:

- ⇒ Governance, Public and Intergovernmental Engagement—responsible for: OCP and Zoning Bylaw updates, have met once as a WG and will be meeting with the Engineers on October 9, 2024 to discuss the scope and cost of updating the OCP and Zoning Bylaws. It is important to note many of the updates are required due to legislative changes.
- ⇒ Enhancing Parks, Recreation, Arts & Culture Amenities— Have met twice in recent weeks and are reviewing the functionality of all parks, downtown core and recreation facilities.
- ⇒ Safety and Protection— Have met several times in recent weeks, you may have seen the WG out and about looking at areas of concern. This WG is seeking community input for proposed speed zone changes in various areas of the community. Please be sure to complete the questionnaire and return it to the Village.
- ⇒ Managing Infrastructure and Assets— Have met once since the summer, the WG continues to work on land acquisition for the north Ashcroft reservoir twinning project.
- ⇒ Community Planning and the Natural Built Environment—This WG has had extensive conversation in regards to water conservation strategies, accessibility among other things.

2024

Upcoming Council Meetings

October 1 Regular 6:00 pm
 October 15 Regular 6:00 pm
 October 28 Regular 6:00 pm

October 5th
COMMUNITY BBQ
 11 am—3pm
 At the Fire Hall

Arena is OPEN!
 Public Skate Hours
 Mon. & Wed. 3:30—4:45
 Friday 7:00—8:30
 Saturday 3:30—5:00
 Sunday 5:30—7:00

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OCTOBER 5TH
 11AM TO 3PM

MAYOR & COUNCIL INVITE YOU TO JOIN US FOR A COMMUNITY BBQ

TOUR THE NEWLY RENOVATED FIRE HALL!!

ENJOY A BBQ WITH FRIENDS AND NEIGHBOURS WHILE TOURING THE UPDATED FACILITY.

BOUNCY CASTLES | FREE EVENT | FOOD

AT ASHCROFT FIRE HALL
 302 RAILWAY AVE, ASHCROFT BC

CONTACT US
 250-453-9161
 FOR MORE INFORMATION

COUNCIL ATTENDS UBCM

Mayor Barbara Roden, Councillor Jessica Clement and CAO Daniela Dyck attended the Union of BC Municipalities convention September 16-20th. The Village had three meetings scheduled outside of the conventions sessions to discuss issues of concern:

1. Minister of Municipal Affairs—to discuss the financial impact to small communities infrastructure in regards to the demand for rapid housing development and increased density.
2. BC Transit—to discuss rising costs to provide the service and advocate for additional funding for small rural operators such as our system. Aside from the impact of inflation, additional rising costs could make the service unaffordable in the future.
3. RCMP—to advocate for Ashcroft not to be a Limited Duration Posting which would enable RCMP members to remain in Ashcroft for more than the usual 2 year appointment.

In addition to these meetings and the many sessions, the Ashcroft was asked to present at the small talk forum about our Experience Ashcroft Pocket Guide

Right—Mayor Roden and CAO Dyck at Small Talk Forum
 PC: J. Clement

